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### **Upcoming Events**

May 10-12	8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Washington DC Trip
Friday, May 19	Student Leadership Council Spring Fun Night
	4:30-6:00pm (\$4)
May 22	Lower Grades Field Day (K-4)
May 23	Upper Grades Field Day (5-8)
May 24	Kindergarten promotion ceremony at 10am
May 25	8 <sup>th</sup> Grade promotion ceremony at 10am

### PAIGE'S PURPLE PAGE

May 1, 2017

May Character Trait: Team Spirit



Message from Principal Paige Baublitz-Watkins

Hello Riverside Family and Friends,

Welcome to May and our last month of the school year! It is hard to believe that we are coming to the end of another year here at Riverside. We want to thank you all for your support and partnership as the final days come to a close.

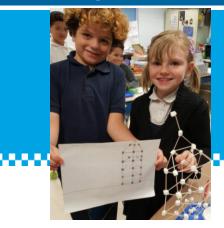
At the end of the month, we will see our current kindergarten students be promoted to first grade and will be sending off another 8<sup>th</sup> grade class to different high schools around the district and city. We wish those students all the best and hope that Riverside will always be a place of positive memories.

As we get ready for our end of year field trips, field days, and promotion ceremonies, we look forward to a fun-filled May. Parents are encouraged to join us for these events as volunteers, chaperones, or just to join the festivities!

My Best, Mrs. BW













http://www.clevelandmetroschool s.org/riverside

School Website

### School PTC Facebook Page

https://www.facebook.com/RiversideSchoolPTC

### School Instagram Page

@riverside\_cmsd

The page is private so make sure to send a request to follow.

### **SPRING FUN NIGHT**

FRIDAY, MAY 19<sup>TH</sup>, 2017

\$4.00

4:30 - 6:00

(Payments accepted the day of event)

JOIN US FOR OUR END OF THE YEAR SPRING FUN NIGTH EVENT

(SNACKS AND DRINKS PROVIDED!)

(GAMES, OPEN GYM AND OTHER ACTIVITIES)



### School Update Section

On May 5, 2017, students in Ms. Harubin's class celebrated Cinco de Mayo with an in class party and special guest speaker. One of our Riverside parents, Mrs. Rolon, came to speak to the class about the history of Cinco de Mayo and what it means to the people of Puebla, Mexico. The students learned about the Mexicans beating the French in 1862 while eating some authentic Mexican food and learning about authentic Mexican attire, worn by Mrs. Rolon and her daughter.









From April 24-April 27th, 38 fourth and fifth graders and six adults set out on an adventure at the Cuyahoga

Valley National Park Educational Center. As students settled into bunks, and adults wearily surveyed the maps with miles and miles of trails, the excitement could almost be heard in the ringing voices of students choosing beds.

The 4/5 GT program was the "Google School of the Year" winner for the Cuyahoga Valley National Park. The award meant that our classes were granted a 4 day/3 night trip. It included delicious meals that were made with organic, local, food by a staff of chefs, as well as a fantastic staff of educational specialists. During the 4 days, students learned about the watershed, how to save the environment, and the plants, animals, and insects of the local forests.



Overall, the students and chaperones had a wonderful time, and we were very thankful for the opportunity. It was truly a once in a lifetime experience.





### Two schools hosting free legal clinics

District families who need legal advice on problems like eviction, debt and foreclosure now have a new place to turn to for help.

CMSD is hosting legal clinics at two high schools in partnership with the Legal Aid Society of Cleveland and the Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Association. Experienced lawyers will be at Glenville High School and the Lincoln-West Campus to offer legal advice related to housing, government benefits and other civil issues.

The weekly clinics, which started April 13, will continue May 11, 18 and 25 from 3:30 to 5 p.m. at both locations. Consults will be handled on a first-come, first-served basis and families will be screened for financial eligibility.

Tiffany Darby, the director of strategy and operations for District CEO Eric Gordon, helped organize the initiative.

She hopes the clinics help families who are in unstable housing and other situations that can result in students having to switch from one school to another.

The lawyers will offer advice on bankruptcy, child custody, child support, divorce, eviction, foreclosure, government benefits, immigration and income tax. Each of the attorneys will receive training and support in poverty law and other relevant areas of the law.

Rebecca Maurer is a staff attorney and Ohio Legal Assistance Foundation Fellow at the Legal Aid Society of Cleveland, which is a private, nonprofit law firm that offers free legal advice to low-income residents across Northeast Ohio. She said her organization wants to make a direct impact on District families who don't know about opportunities for legal assistance.

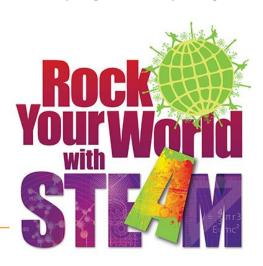
### Family festival set for May 20

CMSD will hold its 18th annual Rock Your World With STEAM Family Festival from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, May 20.

Sponsored by the District's Office of Family and Community Engagement and All-City Arts, the free festival will showcase the talents of more than 2,000 students in science, technology, engineering, arts and math.

Performances can be viewed on six stages on the lakefront near the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame and Museum and the Great Lakes Science Center.

The festival is held in partnership with the Rock Hall, science museum, City of Cleveland, MC<sup>2</sup>STEM High School and Cuyahoga Community College.





### Toolkit provides tips for parents

NBC News' Parent Toolkit website provides tips to help parents monitor and support their children's growth and development. Learn how to assist in your child's development in English language arts and math, health and wellness and social and emotional learning.

Go to <a href="www.parenttoolkit.com/">www.parenttoolkit.com/</a> or text TOOLKIT to 33733 to get the app on a mobile device.



## It's high school graduation season

CMSD high schools will begin holding graduation ceremonies this month and continue into June. For dates, times and locations, go to http://bit.ly/2oY01Kg

### District adopts new wellness policy

CMSD has adopted a new wellness policy that spells out standards for meeting students' nutrition, physical activity and health needs.

The policy helps CMSD to meet federal and state guidelines. Here are some highlights:

- Elementary school students are to receive at least 20 minutes of recess a day. Schools cannot withhold recess as punishment or substitute recess for physical education.
- The policy recommends that all students get at least 60 minutes of daily physical activity, which can occur before and after school or during short "brain breaks" in the classroom.
- Students, staff, volunteers and visitors are banned from using tobacco in any

form on school property, even outside of school hours, and at District events, regardless of location. Students are also prohibited from possessing tobacco or tobacco paraphernalia.

• Aided by outside partners, the District will study and report whether steps taken to promote good health have any effect on test scores, absenteeism and other academic indicators.

The policy incorporates a new Ohio graduation requirement that students receive training in CPR and the use of automated external defibrillators, or AEDs.

But CMSD Director of Health and Nursing Services Deborah Aloshen said the District is going further, seeing that a teacher, coach, nurse or other staff member in each high school is certified



in CPR and AED use, so students who receive the instruction from them can be certified as well.

### Board honors CMSD volunteers

Before focusing on its agenda April 25, the Cleveland Board of Education paid tribute to CMSD's 2,930 volunteers.

It was part of National Volunteer Week, but Chief Executive Officer Eric Gordon and the board made it clear that they appreciate the volunteers' efforts all year long. A number of volunteers attended a reception before the board met at East Tech High School and stayed for the recognition at the start of the meeting.

The District's volunteers include 2,046 individuals and 884 who are affiliated with 30 community organizations such as Junior Achievement, the True2U mentoring program for eighthgraders, Greater Cleveland Volunteers, the United Way, the



Jewish Federation of Cleveland and the Foster Grandparent Program. The number of community organizations is up from 21 last year.

For more information or to volunteer, go to <a href="http://bit.ly/2pFGY4B">http://bit.ly/2pFGY4B</a>

### Have a question for the CEO? Just ask

Do you have a question for Cleveland schools CEO Eric Gordon? Here is your chance to ask it.

CMSD-TV reporter Shannon Kantner sits down monthly with Gordon for "Talk to the CEO," a program devoted to current issues affecting the District. The program includes a segment that features questions from viewers.

To submit a question, complete and submit the form found at <u>ClevelandMetroSchools.org/CEOquestions</u>

The question may be read and appear on screen with your name or, if you prefer, a social media handle. You can also choose to have your identity remain confidential.

See the current episode here <u>ClevelandMetroSchools.org/News</u>



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### **Riverside Vision Statement:**

At Riverside, we strive to spark curiosity in a community of life-long learners who reflect responsibility, perseverance, and who are productive members of an inclusive community that includes staff, parents, and students.

Pictured: Riverside Student Leadership Council Members

